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House Bill No. **4596**



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

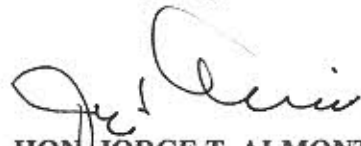
This Bill seeks to establish a Fishport in the Municipality of Lopez Jaena in the Province of Misamis Occidental.

The town of Lopez Jaena is a forth class municipality in the Province of Misamis Occidental. It has a population of about 23,767 and it's a major hub for fishing activities in the Province. Fisheries and marine resources are primarily the main source of livelihood for the people residing in the village. It has approximately two hundred (200) bangus cages in the area.

The establishment of a fishport in the Municipality of Lopez Jaena is feasible because of its rich marine resources. The said fishport is expected to stimulate the local economy and will spur up economic activities and opportunities not just in the municipality of Lopez Jaena but as well as to the neighboring municipalities and cities in the Province. The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources has consistently identified Lopes Jaena as a mariculture area; in fact there are one hundred fifty (150) fish cages already installed and licensed to operate therein.

The said fishport will also play a paramount role in ensuring and strengthening the food security program of the government. With the provision of infrastructure facilities for fish and marine products trading, this will facilitate the fast and efficient transport/ distribution of the fisherfolks of their bangus and other marine harvests. The provision of cold storage equipments and processing facilities in the proposed fishport will also help in stabilizing the market prices and accordingly increase the quality of harvested marine products.

In view of the foregoing, the approval of this Bill is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A FISHPORT IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOPEZ JAENA,
PROVINCE OF MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL AND
APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

Section 1. There shall be established, under the supervision of the Department of Agriculture (DA), through the Philippine Fisheries Development Authority (PFDA) a Fishport in the Municipality of Lopez Jaena, Province of Misamis Occidental.

Section 2. The Department of Agriculture through the PFDA, shall formulate the rules and regulation necessary for the effective implementation of this act.

Section 3. The Secretary of Agriculture shall include in the Department's program the establishment of the said Fishport, the funding of which shall be included in the General Appropriations Act. The local government unit concerned shall set aside funds from any available local revenues in an amount deemed for its operationalization.

Section 4. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in at least two (2) newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,